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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
March 29, 2010**

**Acton Town Hall
Francis Faulkner Hearing Room
7:00 P.M.**

Executive Session, 6:30, Room 126

Present: Paulina Knibbe, Peter Berry, Lauren Rosenzweig Absent, Terra Friedrichs and Mike Gowing Town Manager Ledoux, Recording Secretary; Christine Joyce. The meeting was televised

Ms. Knibbe – Moved to open regular session meeting only to go into Executive Session to discuss land negotiations. Mr. Gowing - second. Roll Call Taken, All Ayes

Ms. Knibbe – Moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Land Negotiations. Roll Call Taken, All Ayes and to adjourn into Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. in Room 204.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

CHAIRPERSON'S UPDATE

Ms. Knibbe announced Election tomorrow and urged all to get out and vote.

OPERATIONAL MINUTE

Mr. Ledoux announced Governor has declared a State of Emergency due to flooding. Mr. Ledoux spoke about the Town of Boxboro Building inspector vacancy and that Boxboro would like to enter into an inter-municipal agreement for sharing Acton's Building Inspector with Boxborough. Mr. Ledoux will report back once the materials are prepared.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS

CABLE TELEVISION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Mr. Gowing outlined the Memorandum of Understanding and that the document spells every thing out. Once signed, the PEG payments will flow to the ACAT.

Ms. Friedrichs asked about the creation of content and does it retain the producers ownership, and noted by using the public capital she can give you the right to broadcast it. Mr. Covert replied any organization can come in to produce content.

Ms. Knibbe asked about advertising and wondered if we would see any advertising. John Covert replied it would the same as it is done on the Public Television Stations. Ms Friedrichs –

Moved to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with ACAT. Mr. Gowing –second.
UNANIMOUS VOTE

SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

ALG/BUDGET DISCUSSION

Ms. Knibbe reviewed the last ALG and transfer of \$96,000 to the schools to close their budget hole, with the understanding that, it is not binding to the next ALG members and, would not be reoccurring.

2010 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE POSITIONS, ARTICLE 2 AND 4

Ms. Knibbe discussed the Nursing Enterprise Fund and recommendations. Mr. Gowing noted we are asking for \$50,000 transfer to Nursing Enterprise Fund to carry the Nursing Service through fiscal 2012. The problem we are having is to pull it or have a discussion on the floor of Town Meeting. Steve explained the money issues and will have the Finance Director serve as a comptroller and study this for a couple of months. Steve suggested we pull it off consent and address it on the floor. There will be policy decisions-- is there a public need, and is there a willingness to support this program from taxpayers? It was noted we are required under State law to provide a Public Health Nurse, but not at the current level that is provided currently.

Ms. Friedrichs spoke about her recent experience with health care. She suggested we look at pro-active health care. She asked about the referrals, all monies come from referrals. Merrily Evdokimoff, Nursing Supervisor noted that when they don't have referrals, they have cut the monies out of their budget.

Ms. Knibbe spoke about the need and agreed that 6 months is a good review period. She feels this article should be pulled off the Town Meeting Consent Agenda, as it deserves a full fledged discussion. Ms. Friedrichs - Move to remove Article 4 from Consent. Mr. Gowing - second –
UNANIMOUS VOTE

Mr. Berry – Moved to appropriate \$55,000 for Nursing Service balance for remainder of FY10 and \$50,000 from Taxes and \$97,000 from the Nursing Enterprise Fund. Mr. Gowing – second.
UNANIMOUS VOTE

Mr. Berry noted that in Article 2 some funds do not come from general revenues of the town but from the insurance payments

DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE 22

Ms. Knibbe discussed the funding for the COPS in school program to fund the third policeman. We said we had already included it in our budget. We could pass over Article 22 or accept funds from free cash.

Ms. Knibbe - Moved to pass over Article 22. Mr. Berry – second. 3-1 – Ms. Friedrichs – No, Motion passes

BUDGET FUNDING SOURCES

Final spread sheet will be sent to Fin Com and League to prepare the score cards.

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR – Maura Haberman. It was noted that she does a good job in bringing in funds to sustain the Recreation Department.

PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Brent Carter has been involved with SAFE program.

Ms. Knibbe – Moved to ratify the employees chosen. Mr. Berry - second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

GREEN COMMUNITIES

Ms. Knibbe spoke about the Green Communities. The State is encouraging Green Communities. If you are delegated a Green Community you can get grants from the State. There are 5 criteria needed to be designated. We have a plan for fuel efficient cars and have reduced energy expenses by 20%. The deadline is May 14th and those who meet the criteria will be eligible to receive Grants in the first round. We are very close to meeting the criteria.

Mr. Ledoux had been concerned about expedited permitting, but he was more comfortable since changes were made.

RECORD OF VOTE, PIPER LANE

Mr. Ledoux explained the need for the vote to be formalized. Ms. Friedrichs – Moved to sign the Record of vote pertaining to Piper Lane. Mr. Gowing – second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Mr. Berry reported MBTA agreed to Acton's alternative design, two platforms and two elevators and bridge to use the platforms. He thanked the State and the T for working so collaboratively on this project to make this a well designed project. Mr. Berry would like to continue to serve on the committee if the Selectmen chose to allow it.

Ms. Knibbe spoke about the Capital Funding FAQ's to be posted on the web site.

OTHER BUSINESS

CONSENT

Ms Friedrichs – Moved to accept the consent items. Mr. Gowing – second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board held Executive session at 6:30 p.m. through 7:00 p.m.

Christine Joyce, Recording Secty

Clerk

Date: _____